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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT NO. [REDACTED] 648

TOPIC 1. Volkspolizei in Prenzlau

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2. Volkspolizei Leave Train

EVALUATION [REDACTED]

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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DATE OF CONTENT 16 November 1950

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE PREPARED 16 January 1951

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

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REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. On 16 November 1950, it was observed that the barracks installation on Alsenstrasse, Prenzlau (H 54/Q 04), and the airfield installations still quartered Volkspolizei personnel. [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED] an infantry school for VP officers and officer candidates was located at the Prenzlau airfield. The course there had just ended, having lasted one year. German weapons which had been used during field training included model 98-K carbines, model 08/15 light machine guns, model 42 light machine guns, and model 08 pistols. Soviet arms, with which the trainees had practiced only in the billeting area were allegedly kept ready for an emergency, complete with ammunition. During the year of training, the trainees were granted a two-week and a one-week leave. Upon graduation from the school, the trainees were granted another one-week leave prior to their reassignment to VP units as infantry instructors.
3. A special VP train arrived at the Prenzlau railroad station at about 2:40 p.m. on 16 November. Of the VP personnel who arrived aboard that train, about 300, chiefly VP Wachtmeister, went to the barracks installation on Alsenstrasse while about 500 VP officer candidates and Kommissare went to the Fliegerhorst Kaserne. [REDACTED] some of the arrivals were returning from furlough while others were in Prenzlau for the first time. VP officers standing at two street intersections showed the incoming VP personnel the way to the installations. At about 4 p.m., about 400 police left the Fliegerhorst Kaserne and about 200 police the Alsen Kaserne, marching to the railroad station. They boarded the special VP train and left at 4:40 p.m., heading south. A railroad employee said that the special VP train came from Leipzig, proceeded to Pasewalk and returned to Leipzig. The leave train [REDACTED] stopped only in Angermuende, Eberswalde, and on a side-track at Berlin-Karow, where all policemen living in the Berlin area got out. **

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[] Comment. The 3d VP Bereitschaft (Inf) was previously confirmed in the barracks installation on Alsenstrasse, Prenzlau, and the VP infantry school in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne. []

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* [] Comment. The information on the Leipzig-Pasevalk VP leave train agrees with a previous report [] who, however, stated that the leave train, which ran twice a week, went as far south as Chemnitz. []

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